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A long time ago, the island of Namu was long and beautiful.





So nice to be away
from everyone.

sigh

Yes, we can clean
ourselves peacefully with
no one peeking at us,
especially those men.

Early one morning, two princesses went to the nearby island of Namu to beautify themselves and take a shower.



Do you see
what I see?



Run for your life!
It's a big fish
eating up our
land.

HELP!!

The princess could see a fish
biting the island from far away.



A big demon fish is eating our land.

Help!!
Run for your life!



At that time in the island of Namu,
there lived a strong man called
Lajumajaaj and his mother Lijoni.



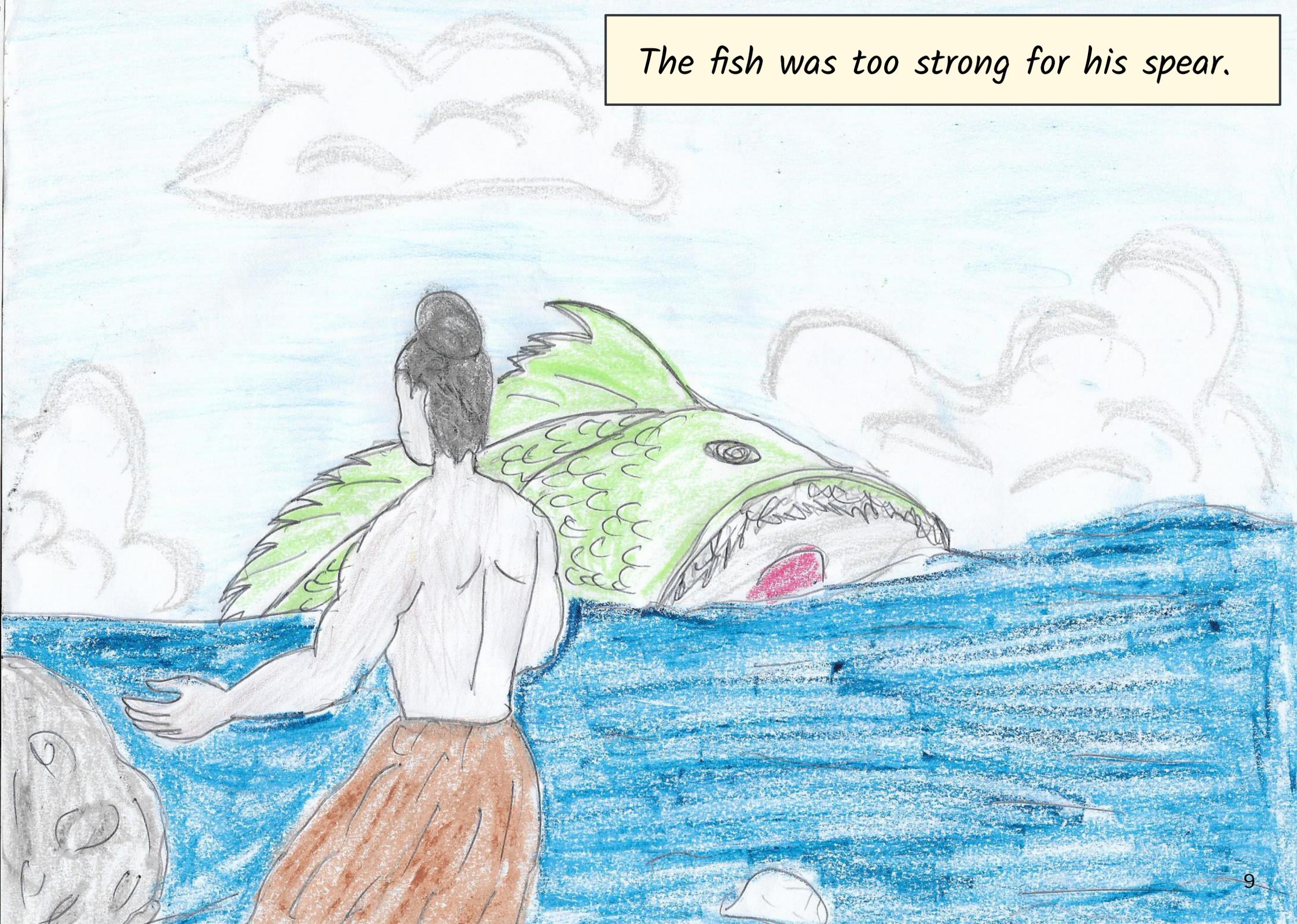
Lajumajaaj, wake
up! Why are you
sleeping at a time
like this?

Wake up, Lajumajaaj!
You will keep
sleeping while the
fish eats up our land.



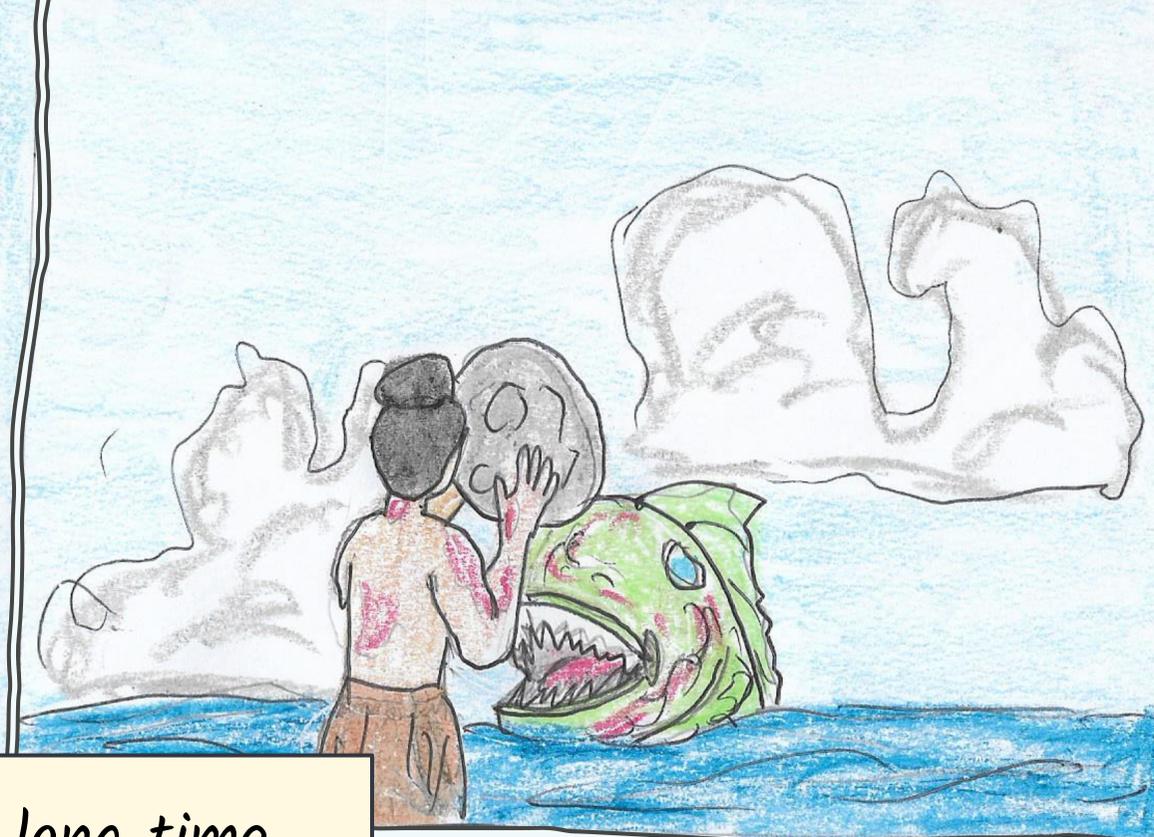
Lajumajaaj got up, took his spear, and ran towards the fish.

The fish was too strong for his spear.





He looked around and all he saw were rocks.



Lajumajaaj fought with the fish for a long time.





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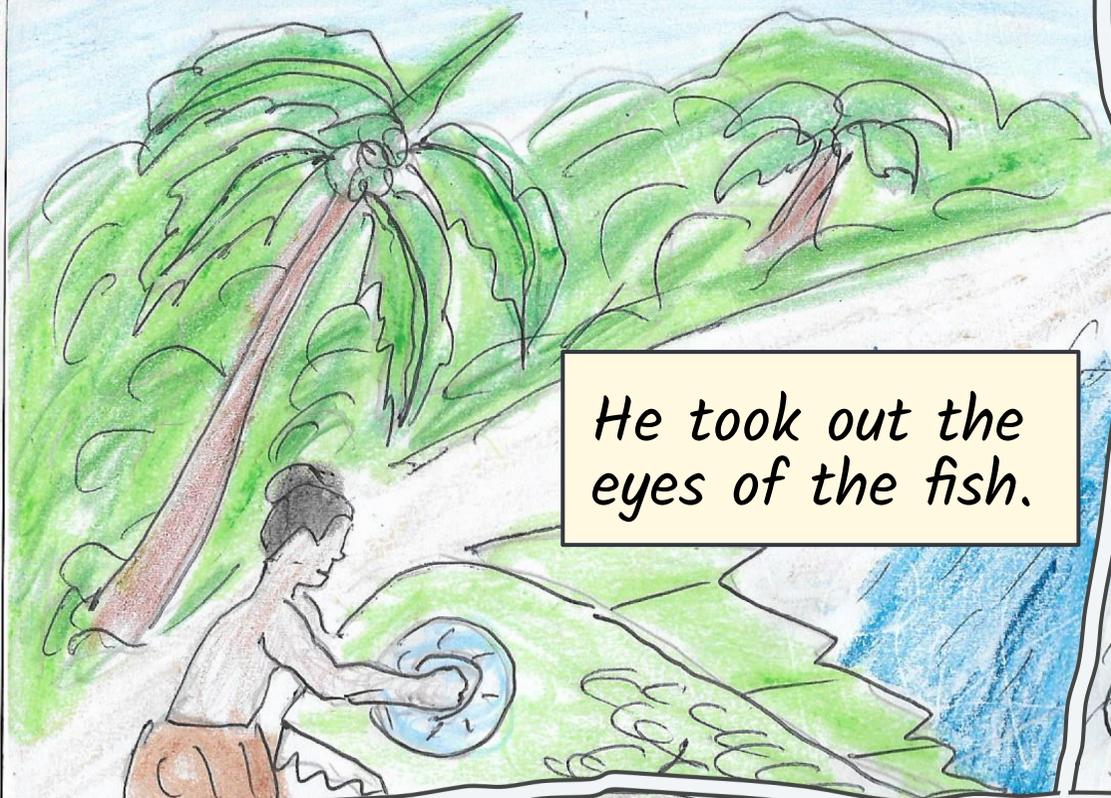
Finally, the fish gave up its breath.





He dragged the fish to the shore.

I will eat your eyes.



He took out the eyes of the fish.



He made the two ground ovens.



He baked the eyes of the fish.



Lajumajaaj!
Thank you for
saving our land.

You're welcome.
I have baked the
eyes for the
people to feast on.

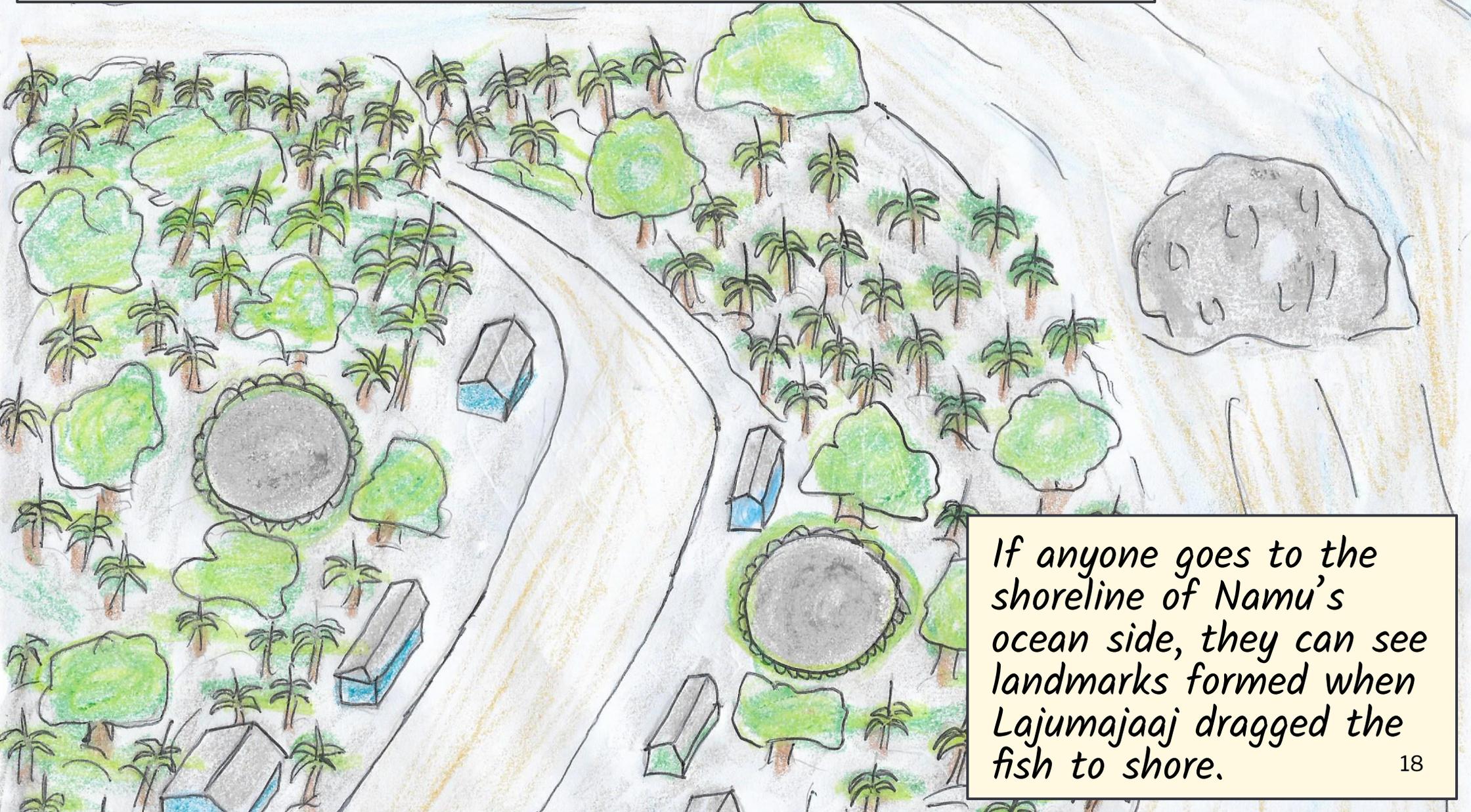


Lajumajaaj, the hero of Namu.

Thank you, Lijoni, for raising a hero.

Thank you Lajumajaaj

This is the story of how the beautiful island of Namu was broken into pieces. The rock which killed the fish can still be seen during low tide. The two holes that were used to bake the eyes of the fish is still there in Namu Namu today.



If anyone goes to the shoreline of Namu's ocean side, they can see landmarks formed when Lajumajaaj dragged the fish to shore.